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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 22, 2004. Applicants submit herewith the text of the pending claims with status identifiers.

The amendment filed July 6, 2004 was in response to a final rejection mailed April 6, 2004. If applicable, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 50-2213 for a onemonth large entity extension fee of \$110.00 (Order No. 042496-0277563)

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Respectfully submitted,

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